

MINUTES OF EAST PENNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 25th May 2023 at 8pm

Present	Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Roger Cock, Martin Dearden, Martin Llewellyn, Clare Sully (Somerset Councillor), Hilary Tripp (Clerk) and two members of the public.
1. Apologies	Paul Heal
2. Minutes of Last Meeting:	The minutes of the meeting on 30 th March 2023 were approved as being a true record on the proposition of Roger Cock and seconded by Martin Llewellyn. They were then signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising	<p>a) Cockmill Lane – a note from Harry Dearden said that a ditch at the side of the road near the Cockmill Lane junction had been squashed in once again by a large tractor. Since the ditch needs to keep running, he suggested piping and covering it over and wondered if Highways would take this on. As there was concern that this might then become a passing place, it was suggested that banking it up as well might help. Clare Sully suggested the problem be reported to her as well as online since it is a hazard and the ditch needs unblocking.</p> <p>b) Shooting Ground – on agenda</p> <p>c) Pennard House – the beech tree has been felled.</p> <p>d) Steve Palmer (Somerset Roads) – has been to look at the flagstones and agreed to do it.</p>
4. Financial Report	<p>The precept of £2,800 had been received in April.</p> <p>The following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zurich Insurance £224• Internal Auditor £55• Hall Hire £15• SALC (probably due before next meeting)
5. Planning Applications	<p>i) Lower Easton Farm 2023/0628/FUL <i>Proposed siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling house.</i> Decision: Leave to Planning Officer There was a query as to whether the dwelling house could be sited in a different place.</p> <p>ii) Batch Farm 2023/0653/FUL <i>Erection of stable block</i> The applicant made a statement, which was followed by a brief discussion. Decision: Recommend Approval There was a query about the eaves height above the door on the plan.</p> <p>iii) Little Pennard 2023/0698/PAF <i>Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of</i></p>

Agricultural Building to rental/storage unit

Decision: Recommend Refusal

The parish council refused on the grounds that access to the main road, A37, is dangerous.

iv) Withial Farm 2023/0879/HSE

Single storey extension to rear, new bi-folding doors to rear elevation

Decision: Recommend Approval

6. Shooting Ground

There has been no communication with Pilton Parish Council since changes there. Paul Heal would like to do a petition. Clare Sully thought this was a good idea and also suggested bringing the matter to the LCN. An email from EPPC to Clare Sully describing the problem of environmental nuisance would also be helpful.

7. Glastonbury Festival

Eight conditions were imposed when the last planning permission was granted. It seems that some of these conditions have been broken. Clare Sully said this needs reporting to the enforcement planning department; lobbying is important to make sure that they are doing their enforcing job properly. Clare Sully will ask questions about it.

8. Village Hall

The bottom step of the entrance porch is to be replaced and the porch repaired. No events are currently scheduled.

9. Correspondence

Paul Hooper noted that the date for East Pennard Festival tickets clashes with the date of a concert put on by Pennard House. The Chairman suggested that the Festival ticket start time be brought forward, whilst keeping the same end time; he will write back suggesting this.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 10th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.